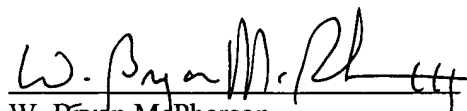


REMARKS

The Examiner has allowed Claims 1 – 10 and 22. Claims 23 – 28 have been canceled thereby rendering the rejections moot. It is believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance and allowance of the application at issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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